## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 13, 2002

MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS 0-17196 48-0531200

(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (IRS Employer Identification No.) incorporation) File Number)

1300 Main Street Box 130

Atchison, Kansas 66002

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(913) 367-1480

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

There was an explosion at the distillery operations of the Company's Atchison, Kansas plant at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 2002. Initial reports indicate that the damage to the distillery was extensive. The entire Atchison plant will remain closed until the scope of the damage has been ascertained and it has been determined that it is safe to resume operations.

Item 7. Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated September 13, 2002.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

MIDWEST GRAIN PRODUCTS, INC.

Date: September 13, 2002 By: /s/ Robert G. Booe Robert G. Booe

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Explosion Rocks Midwest Grain Products, Inc

ATCHISON, Kan., September 13, 2002 -- The distillery operation at Midwest Grain Products' (Nasdaq: MWGP) Atchison plant was rocked today by an explosion. The incident occurred at approximately  $2:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$  this afternoon.

"Although initial reports indicate that damage is extensive, there were, thankfully, no major injuries," said Ladd Seaberg, President and CEO. "We are currently investigating the cause of the explosion, and will offer further reports as the investigation proceeds. The Atchison plant will be closed until the scope of the damage has been ascertained and we determine it is safe to resume operations."

In business for more than half a century, Midwest Grain Products, Inc. is a recognized pioneer in the development and production of natural grain-based products. The company is headquartered in Atchison, Kan., and has facilities in Pekin, Ill. and Kansas City, Kan.

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